

# STUDYING UNGULATES

## *A career as a wildlife biologist*

**Meet Kyle Garrison, he's an ungulate specialist for WDFW.**

Kyle grew up spending a lot of time fishing, hunting, and recreating in the public lands of central Montana. He did not consider a career in natural resource management until he got to the University of Montana and had the chance to explore various courses and potential careers. He majored in wildlife biology continued this education in graduate school at New Mexico State University.

According to Kyle, a career as a wildlife biologist is exciting and rewarding.

"I get to work with really cool animals and with talented and passionate people on exciting, albeit challenging, wildlife management issues all while serving the wonderful citizens of Washington," he said.

Kyle has advice for those interested in becoming a wildlife biologist, or a career in natural resource science and management:

- Take as many science courses as you can and study hard, you will need at least a Bachelor's degree to compete in this field.
- Reach out to a professional in the field you are interested in and talk to them about their job; it might even open a door to volunteering or an internship.
- Start volunteering for organizations that do work that interests you. The more education and experience you can accrue the better off you will be when you start to compete for jobs. Good luck!



*Kyle Garrison putting a radio collar on a female elk.*



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